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Every three years I get to go to America on vacation, and when I do go, I try to buy as many MAD issues as I can. This year when I came over, I was really disheartened because I only got to buy two of your great issues. I was there for two months, so it's understandable, but I think you should publish MAD more often, like every two weeks. I mean, if newspapers can publish every day, why can't magazines? (And newspapers are boring anyway.) If you can't publish more often, at least bring MAD over to the UK, everyone will love it, I know I do. One of the issues I brought back managed to entertain my whole class through our really boring and long history lesson (our teacher's only got one eye — one's glass, it's weird). This letter won't get to you in a while, cause of the distance, but thanks for the summer issues, guys!

Matthew Priestly, Surrey, England

Judas Priestly — We like to help out our readers however we can. But the readers we like best are the ones that help themselves. Normally we'd be happy to alter our entire publishing schedule and double our workload for the entire year in order to please a fan, however, maybe (and once again, we're going out on a limb here) there's an easier solution to your problem. Perhaps you can just subscribe to MAD and have it delivered to you. There's about 14 subscription cards in this issue for that very reason. You know, Matty, it's this "take take take" attitude of you Brits that led the Americans to kick some crumpets and haul ass out of Jolly 'Ol England to begin with! —Ed.

MAD BLURBS

At the annual Alfred E. Smith dinner in New York City, then-Presidential candidate Barack Obama gave a shout out to MAD's own loser mascot Alfred E. Neuman. Astonishingly, Obama won — despite their shared physical deformity!

I was thrilled to get this invitation and I feel right at home here, because it's often been said that I share the politics of Alfred E. Smith and the ears of Alfred E. Neuman!
BREAKING NEWS
BARACK OBAMA SPEAKING AT ALFRED E. SMITH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DINNER IN NYC
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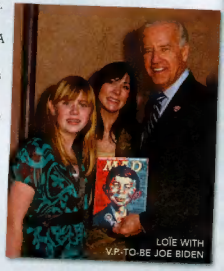
MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS SPECIAL ELECTION EXTRAVAGANZA

Hey! I got this snap of Joe Biden at an Obama fundraiser in Piedmont, CA. When I asked him to hold the magazine he hesitated, making sure it wasn't *Playboy*. He also told me, and I quote, "No boys until you're 30." I'm not sure if he was kidding.

Loïe Plautz,
San Francisco, CA

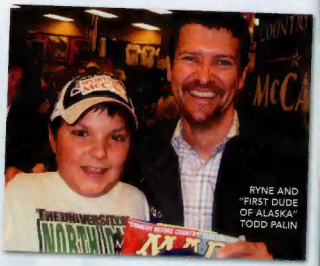


Burning Down The Plautz — "No boys until you're 30"? Huh. Too bad he didn't get a chance to offer that sage advice to Sarah "Grandma" Palin's daughter! —Ed.

When I heard that Alaskan Governor and Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin's husband, Todd Palin, was coming to a rally in Moorhead, MN, I just about crapped out a kitten! We don't get very many celebrities up in this neck of the woods, so I decided to bring a MAD to the rally. I am your biggest (and probably youngest) fan at the age of 12, and I was hoping to get a three-year subscription, so I can save my allowance for a big case of cheese for my dad's Christmas present.

Ryne Kisch, Barnesville, MN

Kisch Me Deadly — Congratulations! Looks like your dad is getting some Christmas cheese this year! Unlike Todd, who's back to chowing down on blubber back home in Alaska! Enjoy your three-year subscription — you betcha! —Ed.



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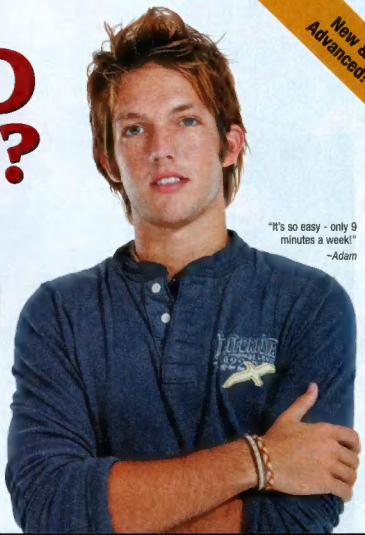

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In MAD #495 we asked readers to hang the Alfred campaign poster anywhere they felt it would help garner Alfred votes! Fat lot of good it did — Alfred lost yet again! Below are some of the best we received (amazingly, no arrests resulted)!

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WILKES-BARRE, PA

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EAST MEADOW, NY

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FAIREY TALES

Our pals at boingboing.net let us know that artist Shepard Fairey (creator of the iconic Obama image that we based the cover of MAD #495 on) gave us a big shout out on his website, obeygiant.com. Fairey wrote that the parody of his poster on our cover "is something I consider a high point in my career for pop culture recognition. I loved MAD as a kid. I think MAD's satire heightened my understanding of irony and hypocrisy. I'm very excited to be a part of MAD's history." That gives US hope!

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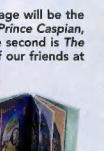
Check out the current "spy tech" issue of *Make* Magazine! Our own Black Spy and White Spy make a very prominent appearance! Learn how to build and use tiny surveillance devices, and how to know if a spy is using them on you! From tiny video cameras to sneaky recorders, this issue of *Make* has enough cool stuff to catch the eye of both the Spies! *Make* is available at bookstores and newsstands, as well as at some electronics and hardware stores. You can also get it online at makezine.com or makershed.com.



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Those of you who had your letters printed in this month's Letters Page will be the lucky recipients of two DVDs! The first is *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*, courtesy of our friends at Walt Disney Studios Home Video and the second is *The Flintstones: The Complete Series*™ & © Hanna-Barbera, courtesy of our friends at Warner Home Video. They are both on sale now — yabba dabba doo!!!!

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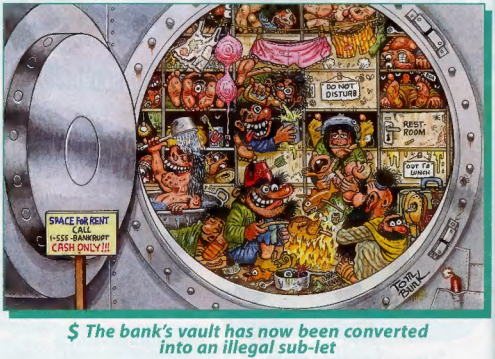

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VIDEO GAME **REVIEW**

Guitar Tech Hero

If a video game series wants to remain popular, it has to adapt. Think *Mario Brothers* to *Mario Cart*, *Madden '08* to *Madden '09*, and *Burgertime* to *Burgertime 2: Zombie Apocalypse.*

And Craptivision's massively popular *Guitar Hero* is no different. Unlike previous versions where gamers got to just play along to guitar classics — players can now actually TUNE the guitars that play the guitar classics in the newest game, *Guitar Tech Hero*!

The competition starts with the "Tune-up Showdown," where gamers can repeatedly hit up to 12 notes, including A-flat and B-minor — the foundations of many of the hard-rocking classics available on the other *Guitar Hero* games!

Master that and you'll move to the "Maintenance Round," where you can change broken strings, tighten whammy bars, clean frets, and even polish the guitar's body!

In between stages there are bonus rounds — like identifying what the hell Slash got all over his axe at last night's after-party or figuring out how to zip Lenny Kravitz into his skin-tight leather pants. It's all in a day's work for a Guitar Tech Hero!

Just as sports games like *Madden* let you choose from different stadiums, *Guitar Tech Hero* offers a variety of rock venues to tune-up in! Unfortunately, wherever you pick, you only see the same two audiences — a pre-show group of disinterested sound engineers or a showtime crowd of furious, drunken concertgoers. (Their curse-filled jeers are what helped earn the game its "M for Mature" rating.)

Using the same technology as *Halo*, players can also go online to battle "tekkies" around the world and see who rocks sound-check the hardest! (So far there have been no takers.)

Like past versions of *Guitar Hero*, the newest installment lets you face off against real guitar gods! The new "Legends" mode lets you play against legendary axe-men like Jimi Hendrix and Duane Allman — well, not them, but their drugged up, long-gone techies.

It's far from Craptivision's best offer, but hopes are still high for their other big release for 2008 — *NBA Live: The Ballboys.*

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The Dumbest People, Events and Things of 2008!

CHINA'S POISONED PRODUCTS:
There's Something About Dairy

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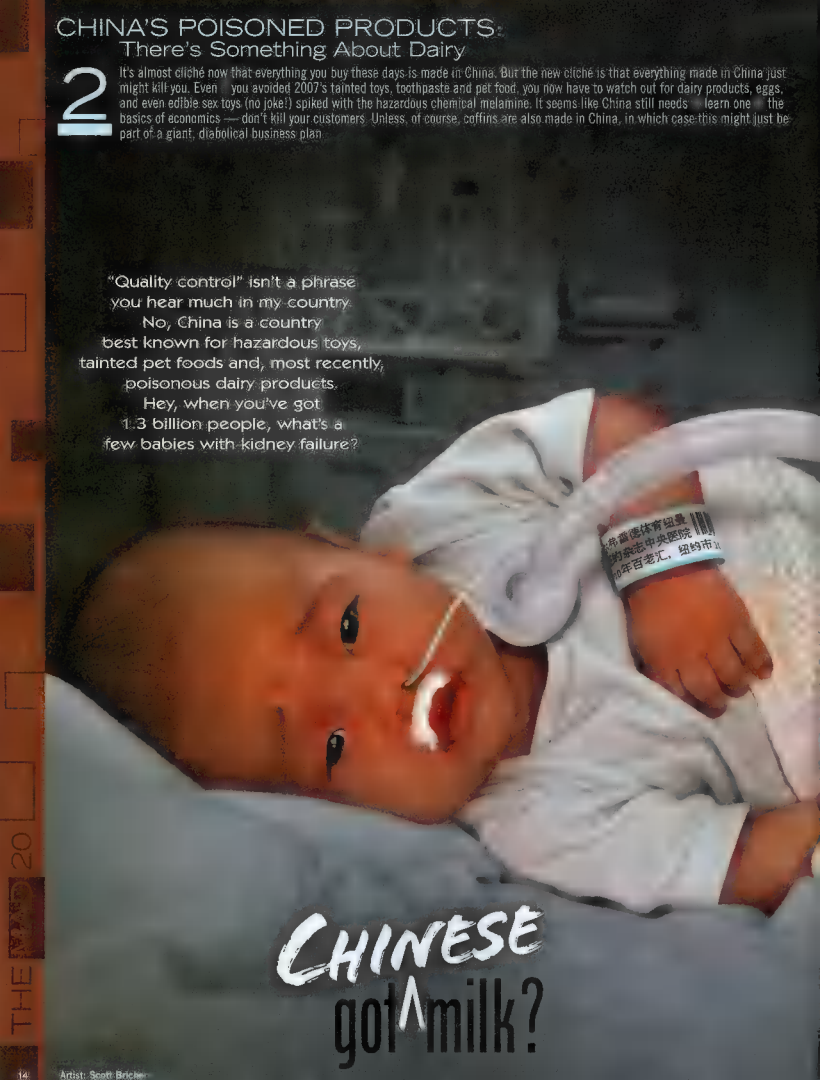
It's almost cliché now that everything you buy these days is made in China. But the new cliché is that everything made in China just might kill you. Even if you avoided 2007's tainted toys, toothpaste and pet food, you now have to watch out for dairy products, eggs, and even edible sex toys (no joke!) spiked with the hazardous chemical melamine. It seems like China still needs to learn one of the basics of economics — don't kill your customers. Unless, of course, coffins are also made in China, in which case this might just be part of a giant, diabolical business plan.

"Quality control" isn't a phrase you hear much in my country. No, China is a country best known for hazardous toys, tainted pet foods and, most recently, poisonous dairy products. Hey, when you've got 1.3 billion people, what's a few babies with kidney failure?



Artist: Scott Bricker

THE MASSACHUSETTS TEEN PREGNANCY PACT:

An Expanding Student Body

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High school is a time when students set serious goals. They save up for their first car. They work to get into their dream college. Or make a pact with their friends agreeing that they'll all get pregnant. At least that's what happened in Gloucester, MA, where 17 girls (many of them younger than 16) all ditched homeroom for the delivery room. It's unclear why they wanted to get stretch marks before they even got their final marks, but at this rate they'll be achieving a new goal — being the only great-grandmothers at their 10-year reunion.

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Writer: Jacob Lambert Photographer: Irving Schild Artist: Scott Bricher

THE PREGNANT MAN:
What Not to Expect When You're Expecting

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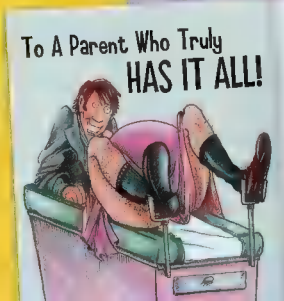
This year we learned of the world's first pregnant man. After what had to be rather delicate gender reassignment surgery, Tracy Lagondino legally became Thomas Beatie. But Tracy must have had lousy medical coverage, because even after the operation, he still had Tracy's plumbing. Using a syringe from a vet, Thomas and his/her wife, Nancy, used donor sperm to get himself/herself pregnant. (We'll pause now, to give you a chance to go "eew!") Now dad is mom – or is mom, dad? And we won't even venture to guess what the poor kid would call the anonymous donor should they ever meet up! We're sure a second pregnant man is just around the corner. And we're equally sure it's just a matter of time before Hallmark launches another line of specialty cards!

To dearest Mom
Or is it Dad?
I guess you're both
And that's not bad.
You always taught me
Right from wrong,
Now tell me why
You have a schlong.

New from Hallmark

Celebrate "Father's Day" with a new line of thoughtful greeting cards for that special man you call mom!

I've never been that smart,
But it doesn't take a genius
To see you have an extra part —
And shouldn't have a penis.
I think your operation
Should have been forbidden,
But since you had it, all I ask is
Please, mom, keep it hidden.



Mom, dear, you're most unusual —
No "ifs," or "ands" or "buts."
The truth be told, I'm awful proud
You've got a pair of nuts.
And something even bigger
Than those guys down at the dock.
It's really quite impressive, mom —
Your giant, throbbing heart.

Artists:
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Teresa Burns Parkhurst

O.J. SIMPSON: Man of Steel

O.J. Simpson has had a long and interesting career. He's been a professional football player, a commercial spokesman, an actor. But of course, the thing he's BEST known for is being a criminal defendant! So it was only a matter of time before that role! This time, he was on trial for kidnapping, burglary and assault with a deadly weapon — all in an attempt to g sports memorabilia. (Geez — hasn't he ever heard of eBay?) Now that he's facing life in prison, it's tacking a new o Many would say it's the part he was born to play.

e reprised back some inmate.

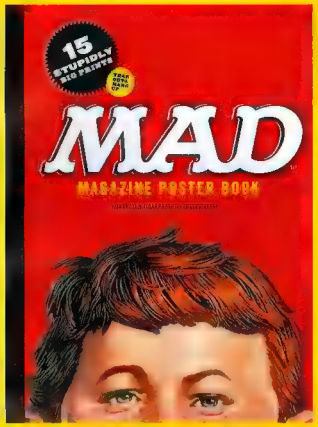
Writer: John Caldwell Sculptor: Hermann Mejia Photographer: Irving Schild

HILLARY'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Thar She Blows It

Going into the 2008 presidential campaign, the only thing bigger than Hillary Clinton's am was her grating sense of ntitlement to the Der tic nomination President. More heavily favored than Patriots were in th Super Bowl, Hil found to snatch defeat the s of victory t like th losers from New England. But had sense to playing e game was over. Confusing determination with delusion. Madame Clinton pressed on in t ies until the awful th finally Monica Lewinsky was no longer the only one in Bill's life who "blew it"!

Artist: Mark Stutzman



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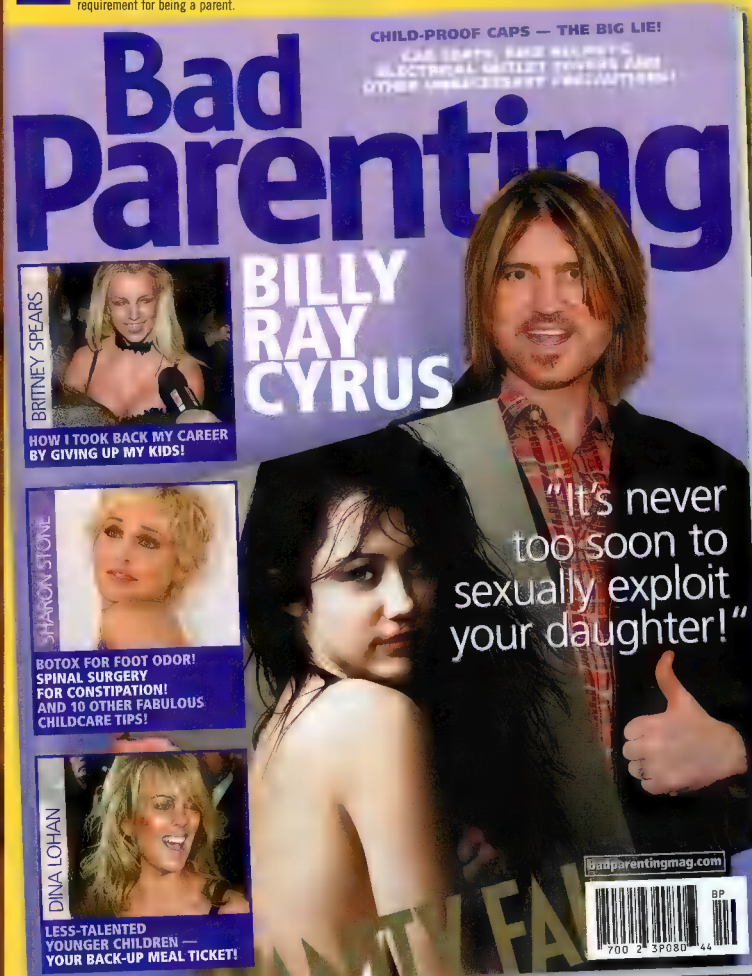
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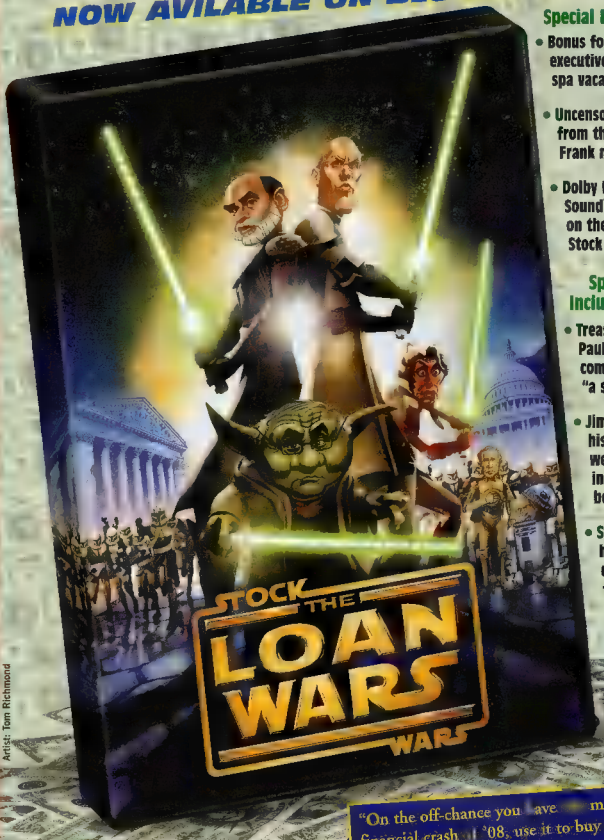

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10 WESLEY SNIPES' I.R.S. TROUBLES: Defiling Taxes

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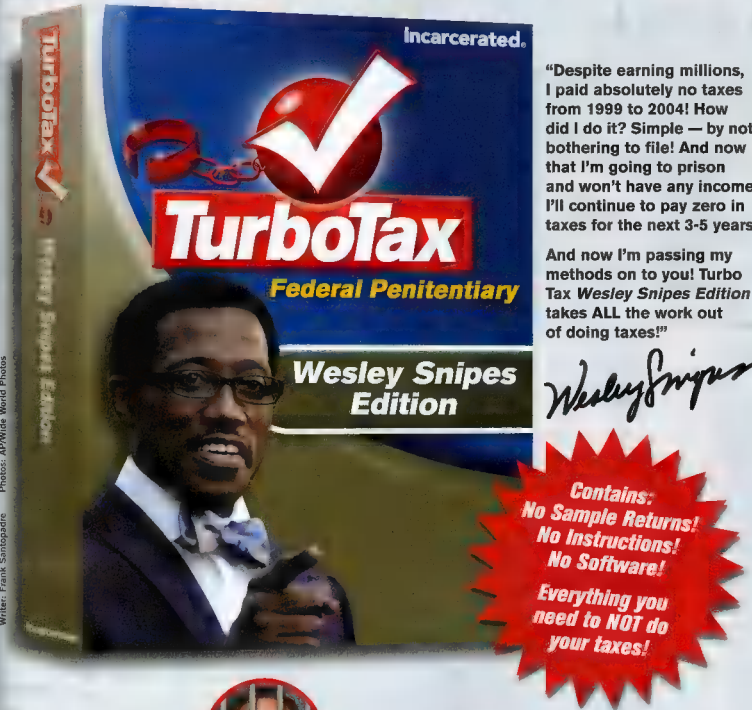
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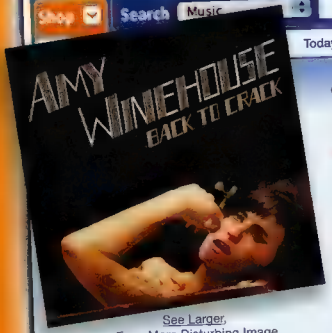

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By B. Fielder-Civil (Pentonville Prison, London)
— See all my track marks

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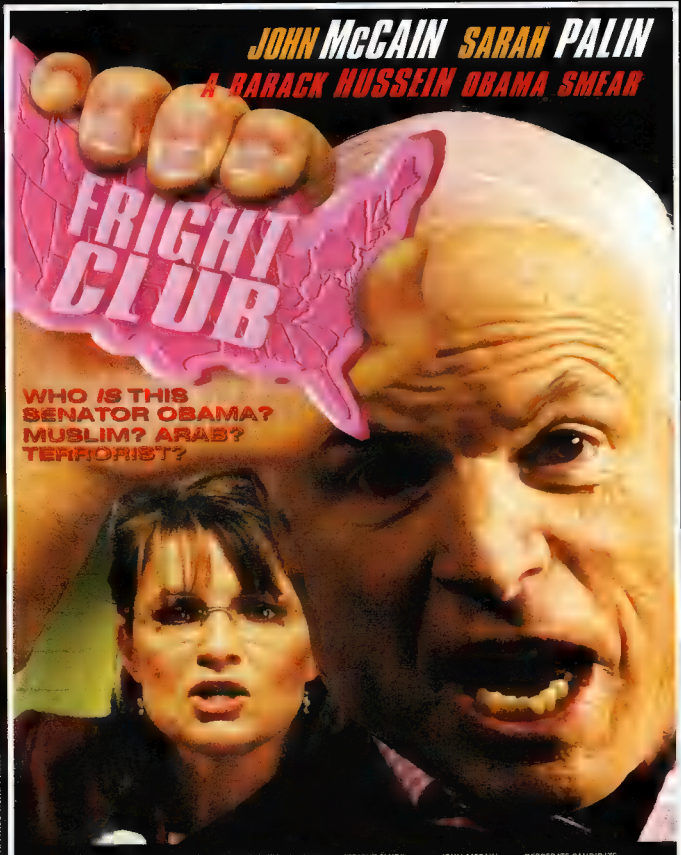
Writer: Scott Maiko

JOHN MCCAIN'S UGLY CAMPAIGN
Smear, There and Everywhere

12 couldn't have been easy for the McCain/Palin campaign to keep coming up with new mud to sling at Barack Obama when their previous mud failed to stick: "Barack HUSSEIN Obama!" "He's different!" "He doesn't share our values!" "He pals around with terrorists!" "He wants to teach sex education to kindergarteners!" "He's a Socialist!" "He's a Muslim!" Soon supporters of GOP rallies were shouting, "He's a terrorist!" and "Kill him!" Even though the scare tactics didn't work and McCain lost by a wide electoral margin, in his concession speech the Arizona Senator said he was "proud of his campaign." That may have been the scariest thing of all!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TEXAS POLYGAMY WIVES: The Joy of Sects

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The Mormon Church renounced polygamy over a century ago, but Warren Jeffs and his cult of misogynist wackos kick it "old school." Jeffs and over 50 of his deranged pals took 133 wives and spawned about 400 children. After a 16-year-old girl called the cops claiming that she was being abused by her "husband," over-zealous authorites, swept in and took the kids into custody, only to be ordered by a judge to send them back to the crazy compound soon afterwards. Now, the sect is doing a brisk business selling their handmade, schoolmarm-like fashions online (seriously!) and our guess is that it won't be long before they expand into the toy market.

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Call us crazy (again!), but when we think clergymen we think individuals of outstanding moral caliber who, taking a page from the Good Book, never speak ill of others. Like we said: call us crazy. But definitely not as crazy as the hate-spewing, anti-American Reverend Jeremiah Wright. So deluded this "holy man" that he thought it was okay to shout "God damn America!" from the pulpit and blame the 9/11 terrorist attacks on, well, us. After spending over 20 years in Wright's church, Barack Obama responded this by staunchly defending his "spiritual advisor"...until became politically inconvenient. Then suddenly it was "time for change" — from "God Bless Reverend Wright!" to "God Damn Reverend Wright!"

PULPIT FRICTION

You know what I say? Not God Bless America – I say God DAMN America"!
Why's that?
This country didn't care nothing about bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki. And you KNOW the government lied about creating H.I.V.! And European-American culture has historically held black culture to be deficient.
What do you know about Europe?
Plenty, man. I was just in Paris. You know what they call a Quarter Pounder with Cheese over there? They call it a "Royale with Cheese."
"Royale with Cheese."
That's right.
You know what I call you supporting my campaign?
What's that?
A ROYALE pain in the ass.

Writer: Frank Santopadre Artist: Drew Friedman

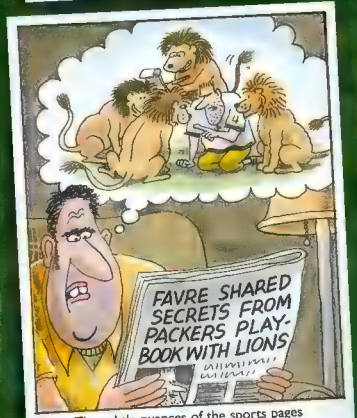
BRETT FAVRE UNRETIRES: Hate the Player, Not the Game

15 understand Brett Favre's bizarre retirement game plan, you need John Madden's magic pen and board — and a psychologist specializing in ego management. Soon after the wrinkled quarterback cried his eyes out at press conference, decided that he had more key interceptions to throw and insisted on playing. When Packers coach Mike McCarthy balked because he'd made a commitment to a player who actually has a future, Brett cried like a weasel that was being mistreated. It remains mystery why a man of Favre's "stature" would for a winter of getting sacked repeatedly over the thrill playing chicken with a tractor and hunting squirrels.

The Favre Side

Brett Favre's first pass interception, 1977

"See, kids? That's how you do it — THOSE are crocodile tears!"



The subtle nuances of the sports pages were often lost on Bob.

Though essentially happy with his "retirement" from the Packers, Brett never truly felt safe in Green Bay again.

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JESSE JACKSON RANTS ON OBAMA: Getting Testes

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Call us crazy (yet again!), but when we think clergymen we think of individuals of outstanding moral caliber taking a page from the Good Book, never speak ill of others. Like we said, call us crazy. In a presidential campaign with no shortage of cutting remarks, Jesse Jackson set the standard for crudeness, rudeness and jealously when he let slip his desire to cut off Barack Obama's [illegible] now that Obama is President, would Secret Service agents be willing to "take a castration" for

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17 THE YANKED RACHAEL RAY AD: Un-American Apparel

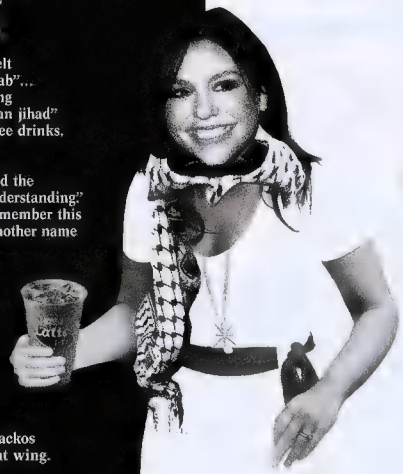
Earlier this year, Dunkin' Donuts hired the cartoonish TV cook Rachael Ray to promote their products. When the ad appeared, Conservative FOX News blatherer Michelle Malkin went ballistic, but not because Ray was hawking overpriced, trans-fat-soaked, artery-clogging donuts (which would have made perfect sense). No, Malkin's gripe was that the scarf Ray was given to wear by a stylist looked vaguely like a mideast Keffiyeh, a native Arab scarf dating back hundreds of years. According to Malkin's paranoid, xenophobic way of thinking, the scarf was a clear signal that Ray and Dunkin' Donuts were palling around with terrorists. Fearing a far-right Fatwa, (Read: consumer boycott of crullers) Dunkin Donuts removed the "offending" ad. Once again, fear-mongering, finger-pointing and guilt-by-association worked well for Conservatives, only this time, instead of politics, it was in the murky world of fried dough.

SCARF FARCE

In the spring of 2008, Dunkin' Donuts produced a commercial starring TV chef Rachael Ray. She wore a scarf in it.

Some conservatives felt that it looked too "Arab"... that she was promoting "murderous Palestinian jihad" instead of frozen coffee drinks. The ad was pulled.

Dunkin' Donuts called the whole thing a "misunderstanding." But the world will remember this ridiculous affair by another name ..., SCARF FARCE.



They caved to the wackos of the American right wing. With a vengeance.

A DUNKIN' DONUTS PRODUCTION

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RACHAEL RAY "SCARF FARCE"

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FROM A STORY BY GEORGE W. BUSH AND DICK CHENEY

ASSISTANCE BY THE RIGHT-WING BLOGOSPHERE

DIRECTED BY FOX NEWS

Writer: Jacob Lambert

BIGFOOT DISCOVERED: Scam I Am

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Caught in the heart of a ludicrous deception and used by some hucksters gone wild, a run-of-the-mill gorilla suit finds itself stuffed with animal guts, frozen in ice and supposedly transformed into Bigfoot. Exposed as a fraud and completely discredited in the eyes of the public, the allegedly 7-foot-7, 550-pound "Sasquatch" is now known simply as...

Artist: Ty Templeton

MAD ABOUT STAR WARS
Thirty Years of Classic Parodies
WRITTEN BY JONATHAN BRESSMAN
FOREWORD BY GEORGE LUCAS
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THE JOKE AND DAGGER FILES!
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CELEBRITY SEX SCANDALS: Adultery Swim

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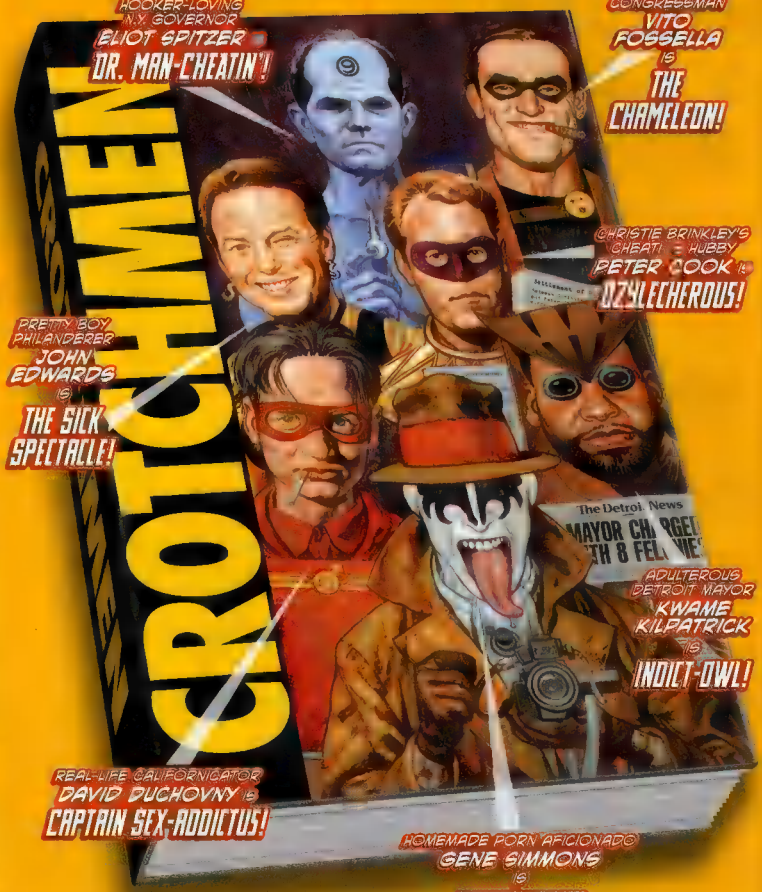
It all begins with the collective delusion of a handful of would-be heroes — that their sins will go unnoticed and the price will never have to be paid. Are they deluded, or have they in fact figured out a way to have secret extramarital sex? Oops, turns out they're deluded! Dodging their wives and the press, these fallen heroes desperately try to maintain their reputations while still getting their rocks off. Instead, they are all caught with their capes down, shocking their families to their core and changing the way the world looks at them forever! Follow these seven sex-obsessed celebrities from Hollywood to Detroit to Staten Island in this vow-breaking story of cosmically stupid infidelity — the story of... The Crotchmen!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HOOKER-LOVING N.Y. GOVERNOR ELIOT SPITZER IS DR. MAN-CHEATIN'!
TWO-TIMING N.Y. CONGRESSMAN VITO FOSSELLA IS THE CHAMELEON!
CHRISTIE BRINKLEY'S CHEATIN' HUBBY PETER COOK IS OZYLECHEROUS!
PRETTY BOY PHILANDERER JOHN EDWARDS IS THE SICK SPECTACLE!
The Detroit News
ADULTEROUS DETROIT MAYOR KWAME KILPATRICK IS INDICT-OWL!
REAL-LIFE CALIFORNICATOR DAVID DUCHOVNY IS CAPTAIN SEX-ADDICTUS!
HOMEMADE PORN AFICIONADO GENE SIMMONS IS WHORESHACH!

Writer: Jacob Lambert Artist: Glenn Fabry

STUNT DAY IN THE PARK WITH BLAINE: An Upsidedown Fake

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When is David Blaine going to realize how insufferable he's become? This big-headed blowhard keeps managing to make his "tricks" more ridiculously unappealing. During his illustriously pathetic career, he has been "buried alive," "frozen in ice," "sealed inside a Plexiglas box" and "drowned alive." This year's debacle — shilled by egomaniacal bloviator, Donald Trump — featured him hanging by his feet high above Central Park for 60 straight hours. Things began to look sketchy when Blaine was spotted taking a ten minute break every hour. Hey Davey, here's an idea for your next scam: make an audience appear that still gives a crap about what you're doing!

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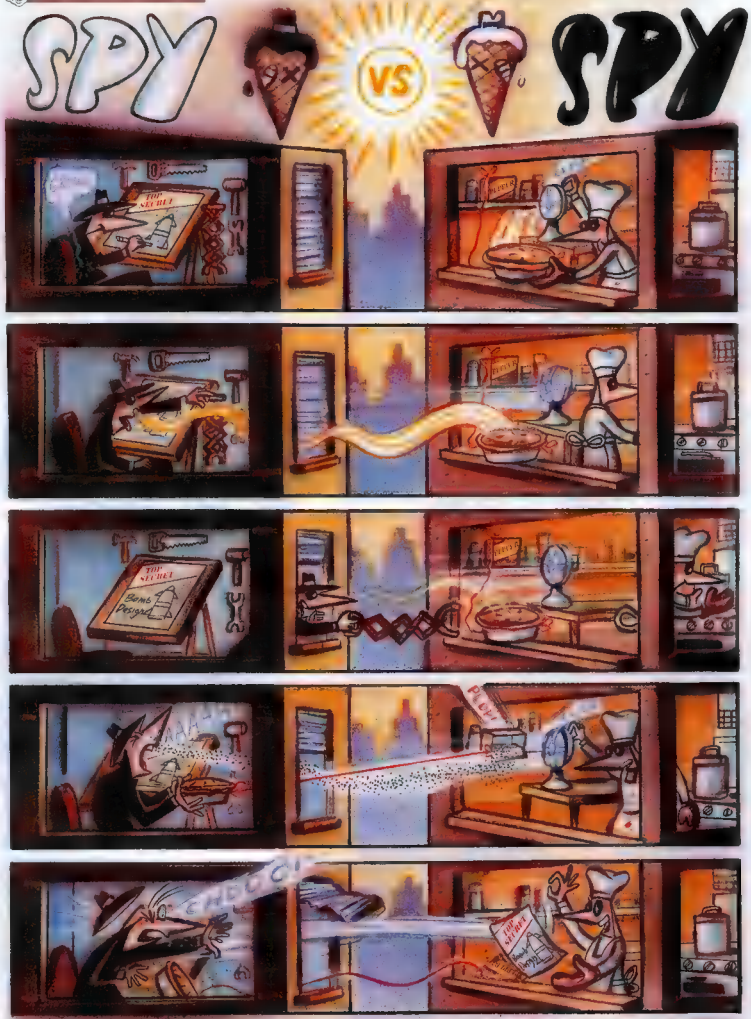

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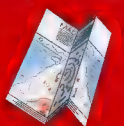
HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

This political season, it became abundantly clear that someone was in way too deep. They were expecting the atmosphere to be frigid, but it was far worse than expected. To find out who's in hot water, fold page in as shown.



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POLITICIANS NEED TO BE STRONG, TOUGH AND POPULAR BECAUSE THEY'RE CONSTANTLY VIEWED. ALSO, YEARS DROWNING IN CAMPAIGN DEBT IS NO FUN. MORE PAIN COMES BECAUSE OF GLOATING MEDIA "GOTCHA" QUESTIONS. THEY'RE A CABAL WARRING AGAINST ANY CANDIDATE WHO IS UP AND COMING

A B

WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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POLAR BEARS DROWNING BECAUSE OF GLOBAL WARMING

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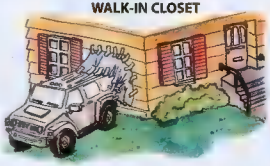

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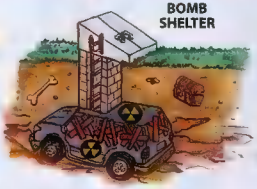

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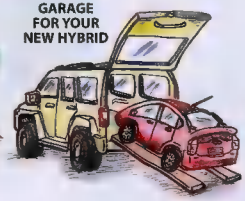

$2,500-A-MONTH NEW YORK CITY STUDIO APARTMENTS

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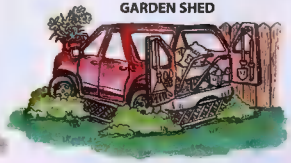


CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

This Month
JESSICA ALBA

Slits wrists after watching marathon of own movies.....2:1

Circulation cut off by costume in next *Fantastic Four* movie.....3:1

Excessive paper cuts after accidentally printing Google image search results for herself.....5:1

Crushed by shelf overloaded with…

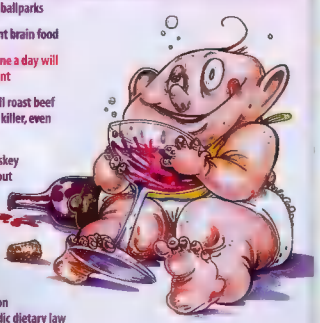
…Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Awards.....4:1

…MTV Movie Awards.....8:1

…Oscars.....1,000,000:1

FOOD MYTHS YOU JUST SHOULDN'T BELIEVE

- Chicken soup has shown some success in treating multiple personality disorder
- Cotton candy sold in American League ballparks has nearly twice the nutrients as that sold in National League ballparks
- Squid vomit is excellent brain food
- ▶ Two glasses of red wine a day will calm down a crying infant
- Bloodhounds can smell roast beef gravy on the hands of a killer, even years after the fact
- Drinking a pint of whiskey before bedtime cures gout
- Bacon fat fights cellulite
- Eating celery will make you popular with the cool kids at school
- Eating a Snickers bar on Thursday violates Hassidic dietary law



VEY TO GO!

"At your age I was already paying my classmates to do my homework."

WHERE THE $750 BILLION GOVERNMENT BAILOUT FUNDS ARE GOING

$120 billion for a blue-ribbon panel to figure out where the $750 billion should be spent

$89 billion to buy Mega-Speed laser printers so the government can print money as fast as they're spending it

$178 billion so banks can reprint their checks and business cards as they merge and change names on a weekly basis

$197 billion to find ways to phase out useless government programs like Medicare, Social Security, Food Stamps, Educational Grants, etc. to free-up even more bailout money for corporations

$68 billion to help financial institutions ferret out and punish whistle blowers

$132 billion to underwrite mortgages for politicians' vacation properties as a signal to their constituents that they have confidence in the housing market

$74 billion for toll booth on Alaskan Bridge to Nowhere

BITTERMAN

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
Whadda ya want?
Good afternoon, sir. My name is Evan Chow, and I'm with Boy Scout Troop 224. I was coming by to ask you…
Let me stop you right there, kid.
The Boy Scouts is an organization that preys on the ignorance of youth and the sympathy of adults. They have you dress up in dorky uniforms and sell crappy overpriced candy door to door in order to fund their own creepy and sinister agendas.
The next time someone tries to talk you out of your money, do what I do – tell 'em to take a hike and go buy yourself an iPod!
SLAM
What'd he say when you told him you found his wallet?
That we should use the money to buy an iPod!

SARAH PALIN: Drowning In Veep Waters

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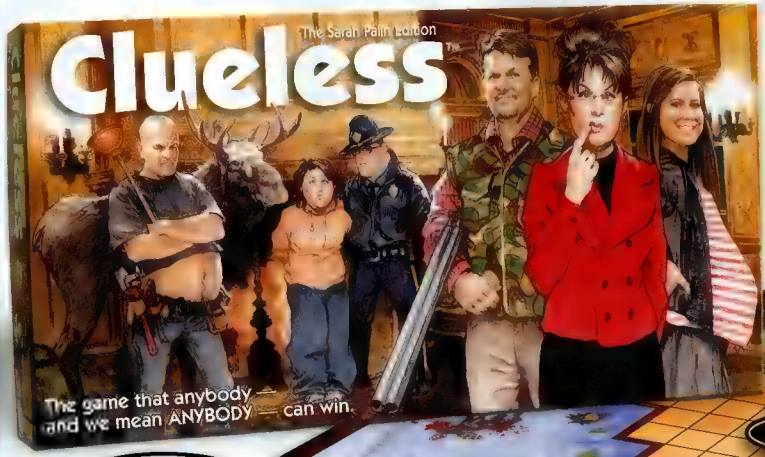
Sarah Palin couldn't name a newspaper she read. She couldn't name two Supreme Court decisions she disagreed with. She thought being able to see Russia from Alaska (possible, by the way, only from the tiny Alaskan island of St. Lawrence, inhabited by native Yupiks) qualified as foreign policy experience. She didn't even know what a Vice President does, but that didn't stop her from seeking the job. And she tried compensating for this lack of knowledge by frequently winking at us and flashing her vapid beauty contest grin. Despite her mental thinness, Republicans say she's the future of their party. MAD Editors say she's the future of the MAD 20!



Clueless™ *Go ahead! Roll the dice!*

To be prepared from Move One, it's important to be readin' the instructions when they're put in front of ya. But it's also good to be a reformer who doesn't "play by the old rules."

RULES OF THE GAME:

Here's what folks need to understand. Joe the Plumber is a victim of foul play at the hands of someone who doesn't share the values of good real Americans like yourselves. You need to hunt down this predatory individual like a moose in the wild and also determine where, and with which weapon the terrorist used, of which there are many of his choosing, to make sure that nothing like this ever happens again on U.S. soil.

Begin by holding your baby in one arm and rolling the dice with the other. Let's say you roll a 5 if you should be so privileged to do that. Move your game piece five spaces in the direction of a room. You may not be in the room yet, but that's ok. You'll be close enough to see it, which is important. Once inside a room, look your opponent straight in the eye and tell them to come clean and show you a card. With God's blessing, you'll get a sneak peek.

Then it's your turn to answer questions from your opponents, because a message needs to be sent. And if you don't have the card they're lookin' for in your hand, you can just wink and say "Thanks, but no thanks...I'll have to get back to ya!"

Before you're anywhere close to ready, be a true maverick and make an official victory Accusation. It doesn't matter if it's wild and unsubstantiated by the facts. Just go with your Main Street common sense gut and name a Suspect, a Weapon and a Room. Then reach across the table in a bipartisan fashion and look inside the envelope. If it's wrong, just keep playing, making more and more wild accusations. Eventually, one will stick and you win!

Writer: Desmond Devlin Artists: Richard Williams and Scott Bricher

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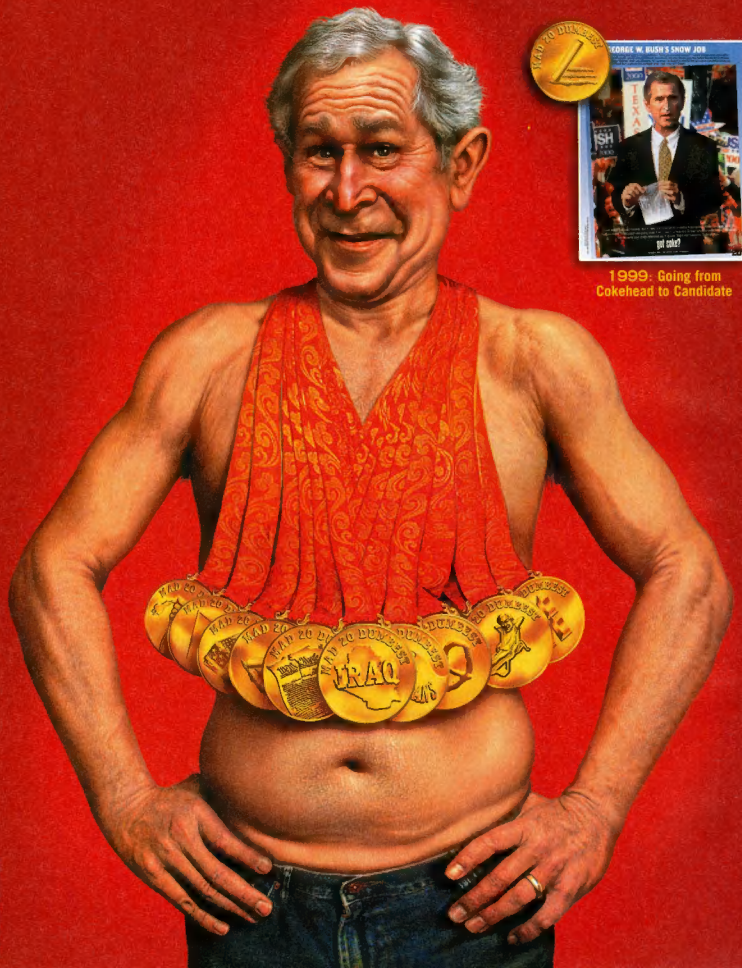
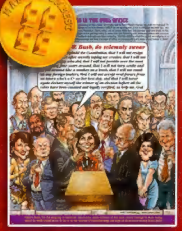
Introducing The MAD 20

HALL OF FAME

Since we initiated our annual accounting of the "20 Dumbest People, Events and Things" in 1998, one individual has risen below all others. So firmly has he established and entrenched himself as a complete and total idiot that he has set a new standard for excellence in stupidity. Whether invading Iraq, not responding to Hurricane Katrina or choking on a pretzel, MAD could always count on this person to get it wrong. He was a "20 Dumbest" pick a record eleven times, including an unprecedented streak of five (2002-2007). And for three consecutive years (2004-2006), he was directly responsible for the Number One Dumbest Thing (Abu Ghraib, Katrina non-response, and the Quagmire in Iraq). It is fitting, then, that we say "heck of a job" and declare "mission accomplished" as we honor the 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush, by making him the first inductee in the MAD 20 Hall of Fame.



1999: Going from Cokehead to Candidate



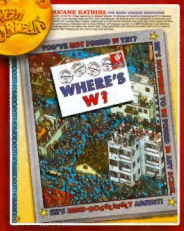
2000: The Election's Recount Debacle

2002: His Near-Fatal Pretzel Choking

2003: Prematurely Declaring "Mission Accomplished"

2003: Speaking Out Against Gay Rights

2004: Joking About Not Finding WMDs

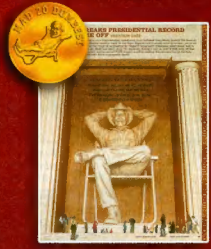


2005: Slowly Getting Around to Katrina

2005: Intervening in the Terri Schiavo Case

2006: The Ongoing Quagmire in Iraq

2006: Slashing Americans' Civil Liberties



2007: Breaking the Record for Most Time Off as President

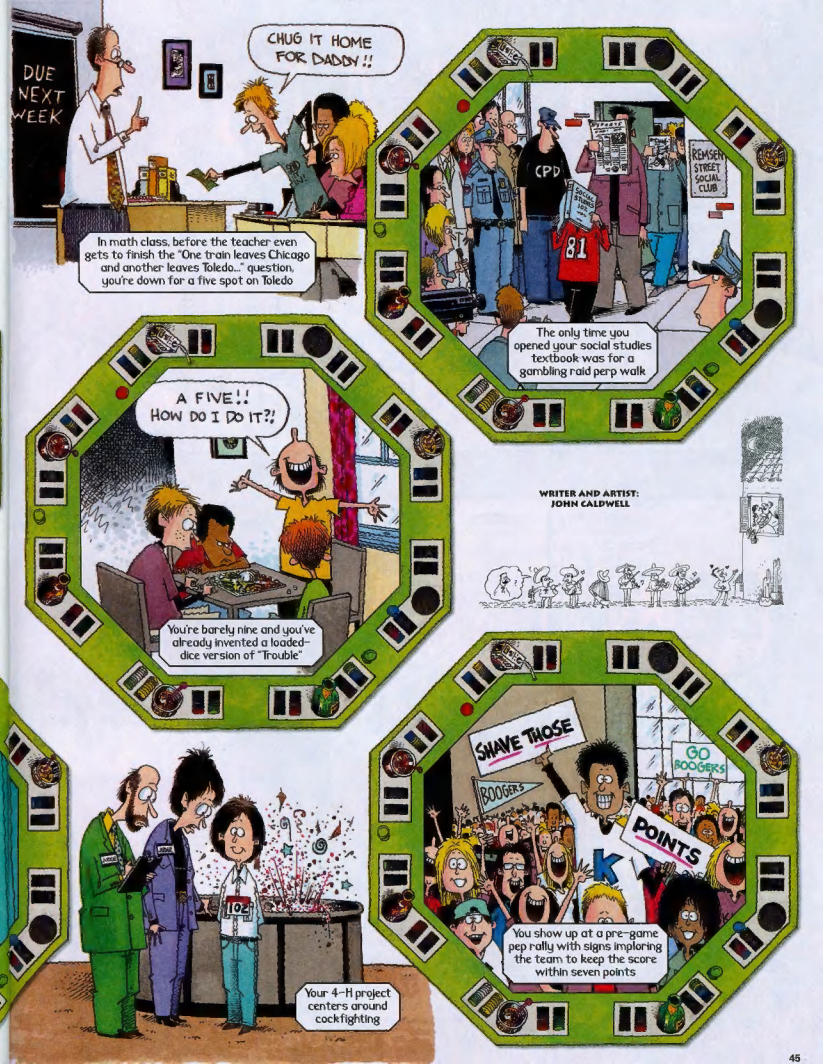
Artist: Mark Fredrickson

BETTOR DAYS ARE AHEAD DEPT.

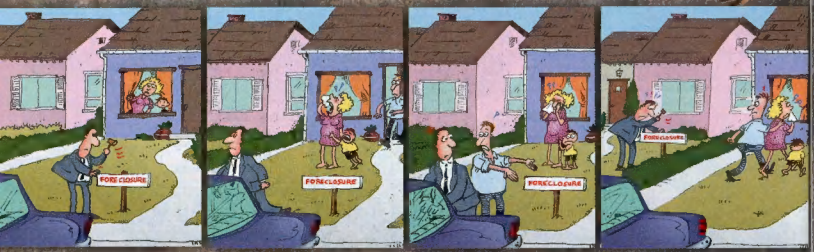
It has been said that the first stirrings of talent and greatness in athletics, the arts and science can be observed in someone when they are very young. Likewise, those destined for a life filled with bookie joints, pawn shops and flophouses also exhibit unquestionable signs during their formative years. For a list of these "tells," you need look no further than...

SIGNS YOU'LL GROW UP TO BE A DEGENERATE GAMBLER

REMEMBER, MIKEY, NEXT TIME IT'S THE PLAYSTATION!
Your mounting debt has occasionally prompted visits from a mob Lego breaker
You plead with your parents to buy you a puppy — but only if it's a Greyhound
35...
LET ME AT LEAST SHOW THE CARD, JAMES!
You regularly engage in the questionable practice of "flashcard counting"
Your prom date is an Atlantic City cocktail waitress


DUE NEXT WEEK
CHUG IT HOME FOR DADDY!!
In math class, before the teacher even gets to finish the "One train leaves Chicago and another leaves Toledo..." question, you're down for a five spot on Toledo
CPD
REMSEN STREET SOCIAL CLUB
81
The only time you opened your social studies textbook was for a gambling raid perp walk
A FIVE!! HOW DO I DO IT?!
You're barely nine and you've already invented a loaded-dice version of "Trouble"
WRITER AND ARTIST: JOHN CALDWELL
102
Your 4-H project centers around cockfighting
SHAVE THOSE
BOOGERS
GO BOOGERS
POINTS
You show up at a pre-game pep rally with signs imploring the team to keep the score within seven points

SERGIO ARAGONES PRESENTS A MAD LOOK AT HARD TIMES



WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONES COLORIST: DAVID RODRIGUEZ OF WILDSTORM FX

William Shakespeare once wrote, "What is in a name?" Well, plenty, Billy boy! After all, no one would even *know* that line if, instead of the Bard of Avon, it had been written by Hector "Lucky" Grumbles! (Not to take anything away from Hector's impressive body of work...) And what does this prove? Next to nothing! But it does show that there are good names and bad names — whether it's playwrights or products. Don't believe us? You will after reading...

IT'S A GOOD BRAND NAME... AND A BAD BRAND NAME...

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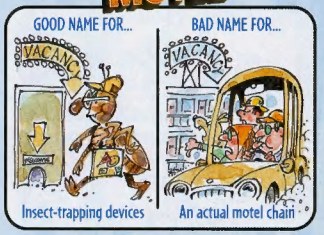

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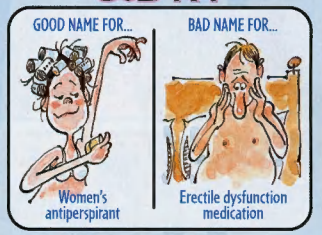

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I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!

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head & shoulders

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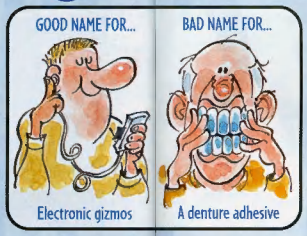
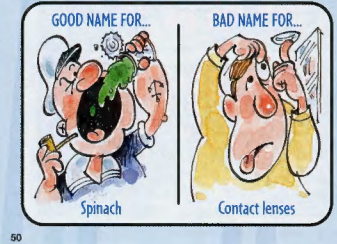
Blue tooth



Green Giant

Campbell's CHUNKY

POPEYE



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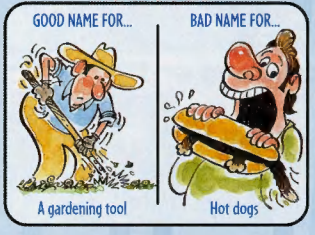
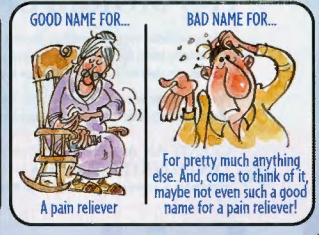


RENT A WRECK

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE
ARTIST: PAUL COKER

2000 FLUSHES

BENGAY


GOOD NAME FOR...
BAD NAME FOR...
A pain reliever
For pretty much anything else. And, come to think of it, maybe not even such a good name for a pain reliever!